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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

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TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 12 February to 3 March 1950

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DATE PREPARED 27 April 1950

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1. a. There was formation flying with up to 15 ground attack aircraft at the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield in the afternoons from 12 to 22 February 1950. The weather was usually favorable for flying.

(1) Description of ground attack planes : Low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, two-seat, machine gun firing to the rear.

b. Biplanes were also stationed at the field. The construction of the runway proceeded slowly. Drainage work was started on the runway. Building material continually arrived.

c. About 50 German construction workers were employed. A grab crane, two medium-sized concrete mixers, a narrow-gauge field railroad and some trucks were in operation.

2. There was no flying between 23 February and 3 March 1950 as it was raining and snowing. All aircraft but 20 were parked in the hangars. Drainage work on the runway was stopped, presumably because of the bad weather.

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a. The observed aircraft confirm the presence of a ground attack unit at the Koethen airfield. This ground attack regiment is assigned to the 11th Gds GA Div, the two other component regiments of which are stationed in Jueterbog- Altes Lager. An air reconnaissance regiment is assumed to also be stationed in Koethen.

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